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Adjournment, 10:05 P. M.

Torrance, California
March 10, 1959

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a regular meeting at 8:00 P. M., Tuesday, March 10, 1959, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California.

Those responding to roll call by City Clerk Bartlett were:
COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Blount, Bradford, Drale, Jahn, Isen.
ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None. The City Manager and the City Attorney were also present.

At the request of Mayor Isen, Mr. Lamour led the salute to our Flag.

Councilman Beasley opened the meeting with an invocation.

Councilman Jahn moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held March 3, 1959, and the Adjourned Regular Meeting held March 4, 1959, as written.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead, no objections, so ordered.

BIDS:

Mayor Isen made the following Bid announcements:

1. BELL AND SPIGOT CAST IRON PIPE FOR WATER DEPARTMENT: Bids were to be received until 5:00 P. M., Tuesday, March 10, 1959, for:
 - (a) 3,420 lineal feet of 8" diameter, and
 - (b) 990 lineal feet of 10" diameter.
 Class 150, centrifugally cast, with thin cement lining and shall comply with A.W.W.A. Specification No. WW-P-241A or ASA A21.8. No time was set for opening these bids.

City Clerk Bartlett presented the Affidavit of Publication. Councilman Benstead moved this be received and filed. Motion seconded by Councilman Bradford, no objections, so ordered.

2. ABATEMENT OF WEEDS AND RUBBISH 1959-60: Bids will be received until 10:00 A. M. Wednesday, March 11, 1959, after which time they will be publicly opened and read in the Council Chamber for the work of the abatement of weeds and rubbish for 1959-60 as set forth in specifications.

City Clerk Bartlett presented the Affidavit of Publication. Councilman Benstead moved this be received and filed. Motion seconded by Councilman Bradford, no objections, so ordered.

HEARINGS:

Mayor Isen announced this was the time and place for the Hearing on:

1. RESOLUTION OF INTENTION NO. 3637: Public Hearing on Resolution of Intention No. 3637 to construct water mains and sub-mains, laterals and other water facilities in South Torrance.

City Clerk Bartlett presented the Affidavit of Publication. Councilman Benstead moved this be received and filed. Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley, no objections, so ordered. Mr. Lamour, 2066-236th St., a member of the Board of the Narbonne

Ranch Water Company No. 3, said that their attorney, Mr. Anderson, had discussed this with some of the City officials during the past week. Mr. Anderson could not be here tonight, however, and since this is of interest both to the Narbonne Ranch Water Co. No. 3 and to the South Torrance Homeowners Association, he asked for a continuance of the Hearing until Mr. Anderson could be here.

Councilman Benstead moved to continue the Hearing for one week. Motion seconded by Councilman Drale.

Councilman Jahn asked if the Council could legally continue the Hearing, and the City Attorney said they could.

Motion carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Blount, Bradford, Drale, Jahn, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Beasley said he had voted not to continue this Hearing because he felt the matter so important that all haste should be used.

The City Manager said Mr. Anderson had talked to him about this. A Committee, composed of Councilmen Benstead, Drale, and Jahn, the City Attorney and himself had been appointed to meet with Mr. Anderson and the Board of the Water Company. Mr. Anderson had suggested such a meeting be held on Friday, March 13, at 2:30 in the afternoon. The City Manager asked if the Councilmen on the Committee could attend the meeting at that time.

Councilman Jahn could not.

Mayor Isen could not attend either, saying he would be out of town.

There were no objections, and Mayor Isen appointed Councilman Beasley to serve on that Committee as an alternate for Councilman Jahn.

Mr. Lamour said some of the Board members of their group could not be present at that time.

After some discussion, it was agreed that this meeting would be held at 5:30 P. M. Friday, March 13, 1959, in the City Manager's office or the Council Conference Room.

Mayor Isen directed that Mr. Anderson be notified of this, and the Committee also notified.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

1. A March 2, 1959, protest from Franciska B. Friede, 1874-218th St. about trash collection fees was read.

This was discussed briefly, and the Council felt that any occupied house must have some kinds of trash to be picked up.

Councilman Jahn moved the letter be filed.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale, no objections, so ordered.

2. A February 27, 1959, letter from George Binder, 404 No. Roxbury Drive, Beverly Hills, asked that the City allow the property where the old City Hall is located, at 1511 Cravens Avenue, to be converted to a parking lot.

Mayor Isen asked if the Council wished to refer this to the new Parking Meter Committee.

Councilman Blount moved that receipt of the letter be acknowledged and the letter be filed.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead, no objections, so ordered.

The City Manager told the Council we would be receiving bids on that building on the 17th.

3. A February 25, 1959, letter from W. J. Hanson, President of the Hollywood Riviera Homeowners Association, advised the Council that they believe the rain water which collects in El Retiro Park is an attractive nuisance and that they fear some child would drown there. They suggested that such water be pumped out as soon after each rain as possible by City crews on a non-emergency, regular time basis.

In reply to a question, the City Manager said we had been doing this for the past two years.

Mayor Isen moved to concur with the request and refer this to

management.

Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn, no objections, so ordered.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER:

1. With a letter dated March 5, 1959, the City Manager submitted the following recommendations for the Council's consideration and approval:

PERSONNEL:

- a. Miss Pauline Greer, Account Clerk in the Finance Department, appealed to the Civil Service Board for additional compensation as an Accountant during the absence of Mr. Jack Hallanger, who held the classification of Accountant. A study was made of the request and of the actual performance of duties during this period. A meeting was held on February 12, 1959, attended by three members of the Civil Service Board, Mr. Scharfman, Finance Director, and myself to consider the facts and evidence. It was the opinion of those present that Miss Greer did not perform the duties of an Accountant during this period, but that she should be entitled to compensation as a Senior Account Clerk for the period. The amount of compensation due her is \$34.50 for the period of approximately 2-1/4 months.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur with this opinion.

Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn.

The members of the Council had received a letter from the Chairman of the Civil Service Board informing them that Miss Greer had been given a hearing before that Board.

Councilman Drale said that in view of that letter, he would like to change his previous vote on this.

The City Manager said this was the basis for the letter the Councilmen had received.

The motion to concur carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mayor Isen said he was convinced that if this had been gone into again by the Civil Service Board, the result would be the same.

- b. That Lt. G. Rethwisch be authorized to attend the Annual California State Juvenile Officers Conference in Fresno March 25-27, 1959, with appropriate expenses paid. (Budget Item). (Copy of request submitted).
- b. That Sgt. Fischer be authorized to attend the Sixth Annual Check Investigators Training Institute in Fresno April 16 and 17, 1959, with appropriate expenses paid. (Budget Item). (Copy of request submitted).

Councilman Blount moved to concur with items b and c under Personnel as submitted by the City Manager.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale, and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

APPROPRIATIONS:

- a. For the purchase of one WheelDEX #5004 and 3,000 filler cards for the El Retiro Library, the sum of \$186 plus tax (Copy of request submitted).

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Manager.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale, and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

2. With a letter dated March 5, 1959, the City Manager stated he concurred with the recommendation of Bldg. Supt. Schlens as set forth below, and reported an ordinance would be necessary to establish the proposed fee schedules.

"Building Permit Fees

"The 1958 edition of the Uniform Building Code contains a schedule of Building Permit Fees somewhat higher than the schedule of fees contained in the 1955 edition of the Uniform Building Code, under which we are now operating. I am not prepared yet to request adoption of the new code, largely because of technical difficulties within the code chapter concerning wood frame construction. Our Basin Cities Chapter of the Building Officials Conference is working on this problem to obtain uniformity in the necessary changes within the code chapter. However, as we are losing revenue from permit fees while awaiting these changes, I would recommend that we amend our present code to adopt the fee schedule as contained in the 1958 edition of the Uniform Building Code."

Mayor Isen asked how this would change the code, and Bldg. Supt. Schlens said there would be very little change in the fees for low valuations, but that it would correct us where our fees are very low on high valuations.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the City Manager and Bldg. Superintendent.

Motion seconded by Councilman Bradford.

Councilman Beasley asked if this meant we would adopt the 1958 Code in its entirety, and Mr. Schlens said it did not.

Councilman Drale amended his motion to specify that the proper ordinance be prepared.

Councilman Beasley seconded the amendment.

Motion, as amended, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

3. With a letter dated March 6, 1959, re the 'Adjustment of Chester, Black and Markley Leases at Airport', the City Manager wrote:

"At the last regular meeting of the City Council the matter of building encroachment outside of the leased plot by Chester, Black and Markley, was referred to me for a recommendation.

"I recommend that the above leases be extended an additional 25 feet to the southwest, and that lessees be charged an additional \$10 per month for the additional areas leased. This is a 25% increase in the area leased and in the rental.

"The above adjustment is to be granted on the condition that it will not interfere with the servicing of the 100' x 100' plots by the Edison and telephone companies".

The City Manager submitted with this letter a memo concerning this matter from Jack Egan, Airport Manager, dated March 4, 1959.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Manager.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead.

Mayor Isen asked if they had overbuilt this land through their error or ours.

Airport Manager Egan replied that he believed when this was done no one quite understood the situation. He said he did not believe these errors were made with intent. He would like to correct the situation and clear the records so the leases can be administered.

Councilman Jahn asked if the 75' leases would be any good, and Mr. Egan was confident that they would be.

Councilman Drale felt the City should get the higher rental for this land, and amended his motion to specify that the additional rental for these leases should be \$16.25 per month instead of \$10.00.

Amendment accepted in the second, and the motion as amended carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Bradford, Drale, Jahn, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT:

1. In a February 19, 1959, memo to the City Manager, the Building Supt., Lee Schlens, reported that the Torrance Mounted Police have asked that inspection fees be waived and the bond as required in the relocation ordinance be waived on a building they wished to move. Mr. Schlens recommended that the request be granted.

Councilman Jahn moved the request be granted.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale.

In reply to question, Mr. Schlens said inspection of the building would be made.

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS:

1. With a letter dated March 2, 1959, John V. Russell, Director of Public Works, submitted a bid summary and copy of the specifications on sheet-metal venting, hood, fan motor and ducting for kitchen in the Torrance Municipal Auditorium. He recommended that the contract be awarded to the low bidder, Torrance Sheet Metal Co., who bid \$640 plus tax.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendation of the Director of Public Works.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale, and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE WATER DEPARTMENT:

1. Mayor Isen announced that Director of Public Works Russell and A. E. McVicar, Supt. of the Water Dept., had asked that a letter about the remodelling of the shop building at the rear of the water building, be removed from the agenda.

There were no objections, and it was ordered removed.

Councilman Jahn referred to this, saying the Joslin Lumber Co. was so close to the lowest bidder that when the computation had been made to show the rebate of sales tax the City would get, he thought their bid should be accepted.

Mayor Isen thought the bids presented to the Council should always show that the allowance for this tax rebate had been made on the bids of Torrance merchants.

2. A March 4, 1959, letter from A. E. McVicar, Supt. of the Water Dept., submitted correspondence and Quitclaim Deed from the City to Mac L. Sherwood, Irving S. Schandling and A. Perry Insel. This was about an easement the City holds which is not used.

Mr. McVicar's letter went on to say that "Neither the Water District nor the City has any reason to hold or retain this easement. I therefore recommend that your Honorable Body approve granting said Quitclaim Deed."

The letter bore the approval of the City Attorney and the City Manager.

Mayor Isen asked if the City Attorney had checked into this.

City Attorney Remelmeyer replied that so far as he can find, the City does not need the land, and Mr. McVicar has told him they do not need the easement.

Mr. McVicar told the Council there is no value to the easement so far as the City is concerned.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendation of the Supt. of the Water Dept., and that the title be properly filled in.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT:

1. With a letter dated March 5, 1959, R. W. Bishop, Acting City Engineer, submitted a map at the request of the Traffic Commission. This was of proposed metered parallel parking along the south side of Carson St. from Arlington Avenue to Cabrillo, along the north side of Carson St. from Arlington to Gramercy, and along both sides of Gramercy from Carson St. to the first alley back of the Stadium Theatre.

The City Engineer presented copies of the map to the Councilmen, who studied this with the City Engineer.

Mayor Isen asked if the parking along Carson would be parallel under this recommendation, and the City Engineer said it is not as shown on this map.

Councilman Jahn, speaking for the Traffic Commission, said this map is the result of something previous to the last meeting of the Council when the request for parallel parking had been made. He added that the Traffic Commission had not met since the last Council meeting, and no action had been taken on that request.

Councilman Blount moved this plan be accepted generally, except that the north side of Carson have parallel parking between Cravens and Gramercy.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley.

Councilman Jahn pointed out that we will lose parking for at least 8 cars there by this motion.

Councilman Blount did not agree; he said we have the same cars parked in the same spaces there all day long; if they are moved, we would not lose any space.

Mayor Isen asked if the motion was simply for the parking plan and not for the parking meters, and Councilman Blount re-stated his motion.

Councilman Beasley asked if these would be 1-hour or 2-hour meters.

Councilman Drale said the original recommendation was for 1-hour meters except in the down-town area.

Mayor Isen said the ordinance as amended called for 2-hour meters except in the 20-minute zones. If there is any intent to make these different, the motion should be amended.

Councilman Benstead suggested dispensing with the parking meters.

Motion carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Blount, Bradford, Drale, Jahn, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Blount suggested this action to expedite the flow of traffic, and that the matter of the parking meters should be referred to the Traffic Commission for their recommendation on the 1-hour or 2-hour parking meters, and he so moved.

Motion seconded by Councilman Bradford, no objections, so ordered.

2. STREET IMPROVEMENT - NE corner of 238th and Hawthorne Blvd.

A March 5, 1959, letter from R. W. Bishop, Acting City Engineer concerned the corner, and pointed out that the grade had not yet been established there. David B. Harding, dba "King's Men" auto sales, has put a building there, and has asked that he be allowed to file a faithful performance bond with the City in the amount of \$2,000 in lieu of putting in the commercial street improvements now. Letters from Mr. Harding were submitted with this letter from the Acting City Engineer.

Councilman Beasley moved to grant the request as recommended by the Acting City Engineer.

Motion seconded by Mayor Isen, who said these should not be required as the grade has not been established.

The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION:

1. CASE NO. 563 - VARIANCE: J. F. & Florence Reed.

With a Transmittal Form, Planning Director Powell submitted the recommendation of the Planning Commission for approval of this request for a Variance for off-street parking for the benefit of the Medical Center to the north of this property, legally described as Lot 7, Block 62 of Torrance Tract.

Mr. Reed was present, and filed with the Council a petition approving his petition, with the petition representing 27 properties and 2 individual letters.

Planning Director Powell presented an exhibit, which had been considered by the Planning Commission when they acted on this. He said at that time there had been 2 letters of approval and 10 of protest on this application.

Councilman Beasley moved not to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission.

Motion seconded by Councilman Bradford.

Mayor Isen asked how many people were here about this, and how many were in opposition to it. The people interested raised their hands.

Mr. L. Gitschier, 1303 Acacia, acting as a spokesman for the group of opponents of this petition, spoke against granting the petition. He believed this would harm the entire area by using residential property for commercial use.

Councilman Beasley did not think this 6 parking spaces would help the situation there.

Councilman Benstead thought this an example of creeping commercialism, and that the alley there is a good buffer between the commercial property on Torrance Blvd. and the homes behind it.

Councilman Bradford said in the future the Planning Commission should not permit medical buildings to fill a lot unless they have roof parking or some other good solution.

Councilman Beasley said the building conformed to our requirements when it was built. He said the Planning Commission had worked for several years to get a good parking ordinance in effect in the City.

Councilman Jahn explained to Councilman Bradford that our parking ordinance is different now and serves our needs much better.

Mr. Reed came forward and spoke in favor of his petition. He said by letting the 6 cars park here, which are normally in the parking lot, parking would be made available to patients in that building. Because of the turnover in patient parking, he thought this would keep from 40 to 50 cars a day off those narrow streets. He said this plan would eliminate the blind corner there, and he could not see how it would be detrimental in any way to the area.

Mr. Reed pointed out that 70% of his neighbors have signed a petition favoring this.

J. J. Benner, 1229 Acacia, spoke in opposition to this. He had not seen the petition mentioned here, but he thought this would serve no useful purpose at all.

Councilman Beasley amended his motion as follows: "not to concur with the Planning Commission, and to deny the petition."

Councilman Bradford accepted the amendment in the second to the motion.

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mayor Isen commented that this is a problem which occurs when business develops near residential property.

2. CASE NO. 565 - VARIANCE: P. E. and M. W. Mellor

a. Transmittal form from the Planning Commission recommended approval of request of P. E. and M. W. Mellor for a Variance to construct a second unit on Lot 129, Tract 15933, situated between 182nd and 186th Streets in Land Use Zone R-1. Attached were a location sketch and an excerpt from the February 18, 1959, Planning Commission Minutes.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale.

In reply to a question from Councilman Benstead, Planning Director Powell said at the time this was recommended for approval, a 750 sq. ft. building had been planned, however, the petitioners have changed the plan to add one more room, making this an 850 sq. ft. building.

Councilman Beasley amended his motion to specify that this be an 850 sq. ft. building.

Amendment accepted by Councilman Drale, and the motion as amended carried unanimously by roll call vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AIRPORT COMMISSION:

1. With a letter dated March 4, 1959, Thos. B. Abrams, President of the Airport Commission, submitted a recommendation relative to granting and relocation of Edison and Pacific Telephone Company easements at Airport as follows:

a. Granting certain easements to the Edison and Telephone companies;

b. Granting of easements to Edison and Telephone companies, being particularly an easement through the 100' x 100' plots,

bl. to obtain approval from leaseholders in certain 100' x 100' plots;

c. To establish 240V 3-Ø and 120/240V 1-Ø power as the only power to be delivered to the 100' x 100' plots.

Airport Manager Egan submitted maps to the Council showing these proposed easements.

At 8:50 P. M., Mayor Isen declared a recess, with the Council reconvening at 9:00 P. M., with Councilman Benstead still absent.

Councilman Blount moved to grant these easements with the addition of a limitation of the poles to 45', in Item a.

Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn, and carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Benstead absent).

Councilman Benstead returned to the Council Chamber at 9:03 P. M.

On Item b, Councilman Blount moved to refer this back to the Airport Manager to find out the costs and whether or not we could put that part of the line underground.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead, no objections, so ordered.

On Item bl, Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendation of the Airport Commission.

Motion seconded by Mayor Isen, no objections, so ordered.

On Item c, Councilman Jahn asked why this was limited, and Mr. Egan said this was done because for higher power we would have to have other clearances.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendation of the Airport Commission.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead, and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Councilman Bradford then asked to change his vote to 'No', saying he did not want to limit this if they are going to go underground with it.

Airport Manager Egan said to do that, and use 480V would complicate the costs.

Councilman Bradford asked why, and a representative of the Edison Company who was present told the Council this would require another line. He explained the fact that on the line they are proposing, the only limitation is that no single unit can be over 50 H.P. If there is no industry there, a 50-HP motor is a very large motor.

The Councilmen discussed this with Mr. Egan and the Edison Co. representative, and Councilman Blount changed his vote to "No", saying he would do this because he felt that Mr. Bradford was an expert on this matter.

Councilman Bradford said he would like to know more about this, as if testing equipment is used there it would take 50-HP and they would have trouble with it on this limitation.

Mayor Isen said he would also change his vote to "No".

Councilman Jahn said he would remove his motion, but Mayor Isen ruled that out of order.

Councilman Jahn said the areas were clearly designated on the Master Plan for various uses at the airport; he did not think we should allow them to conflict. Under the type of use planned for this area, he thought this would be enough power.

Councilman Benstead moved to reconsider the previous motion, and the motion was seconded by Councilman Jahn.

There were no objections, and it was so ordered, with a report on the matter requested for the coming week.

Councilman Drale excused himself and left the meeting at 9:10 P. M.

2. With a letter dated March 4, 1959, Thos. B. Abrams, President of the Airport Commission, submitted to the Council the Commission's recommendation that a small triangular piece of property adjacent to the north end of the Jefferson lease be added to their lease to assure them of access to their property at the North.

A memorandum from the City Manager, dated February 10, 1959, was submitted with this letter and a sketch, showing the property in question.

Mayor Isen thought we could give them an easement or right of access without including it in the lease.

Councilman Blount said that was the City Manager's recommendation.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the City Manager's recommendation as outlined by Councilman Blount.

Motion seconded by Councilman Blount, no objections, so ordered.

3. With a letter dated March 4, 1959, the President of the Airport Commission, Thos. B. Abrams, submitted their recommendation that Kay Ishibashi be allowed to lease a certain portion of the Nike safety zone for truck garden purposes, according to the terms of the November, 1958, letter from Airport Manager Egan.

Councilman Jahn asked if this would interfere with the lease of the 9-acre corner, and Mr. Egan said it would not. He added that if the Army Engineers do not grant our request to use the portion of that land south of the service road for other than agricultural use, there would be no reason why we should not lease it to Mr. Ishibashi as well.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendation of the Airport Commission.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley, who asked if we would have to pay Mr. Ishibashi for his crop if we leased the land for other uses before a crop was harvested.

Mr. Egan did not know who would have to pay for such a crop. He said he had been trying to contemplate what would happen if the Army did return the Nike site to us.

Councilman Blount felt we would have to pay for such a crop unless we are released by the proposed lessor from the responsibility for emoluments; if he would so release us, we could go ahead with this.

Councilman Jahn so amended his motion, and Councilman Beasley accepted the amendment in the second to the motion.

Motion, as amended, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Drale absent).

Mayor Isen asked Mr. Egan if he knew of any progress on the hotel planned at the Airport, and Mr. Egan said he knew of none.

Councilman Benstead excused himself and left the meeting at 9:15 P. M.

4. With a letter dated March 4, 1959, Thos. B. Abrams, President of the Airport Commission, submitted their recommendation that, due to lack of interest, the following names be removed from the list of active lease applicants: Bracken, Barley, Smith.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur with the recommendation of the Airport Commission.

Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn, no objections, so ordered.

5. With a letter dated March 4, 1959, Thos B. Abrams, President of the Airport Commission submitted their recommendation for approval of subleases on the Kidwell prime lease, and that where 1 and 2/3rds hangars are built off the Kidwell leasehold, they be rented to him at \$16 per month, subject to cancellation by the City in case the City needs the property for the development of the Airport and in no event to exceed his Master Lease.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur with these recommendation of the Airport Commission, but this was lost for lack of a second.

In answer to a question from the Mayor, the City Attorney said he thought we should go ahead with these as recommended.

The Airport Manager told the Council that these sub-leases are 30-day occupancy deals between Kidwell and the occupants.

Councilman Blount moved to concur with the recommendation of the Airport Commission.

Motion seconded by Councilman Bradford.

Councilman Jahn asked if the motion includes the \$16 per month for the overbuilding, and was told it did.

Councilman Jahn pointed out that some of these may have to be moved if the hotel and terminal building are put up soon, and he asked if the necessary provisions had been made for that.

The City Attorney said they would be.

Councilman Blount so amended his motion, and the amendment was accepted in the second to the motion.

Motion, as amended, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Benstead, Drale absent).

6. With a letter dated March 4, 1959, Thos. B. Abrams, President of the Airport Commission, submitted the Commission's recommendation for denial of a lease application from George W. Loomis and John Dickey. These gentlemen wished to lease highway frontage for the operation of a new and used car sales and service, and a marina agency.

Councilman Jahn said he would have preferred this use to the other use proposed there.

Councilman Beasley moved to file this as a matter of record.

Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn, no objections, so ordered.

7. With a letter dated March 4, 1959, the President of the Airport Commission submitted their recommendation that approval of a sublease from Chester to Duschak be approved, with terms outlined for the information of the Council.

In response to questions, Mr. Egan said this was formalizing an existing situation, and that Mr. Duschak kept some equipment there and sometimes flew equipment in and out of the airport.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur with this recommendation of the Airport Commission.

Motion seconded by Mayor Isen, and carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Benstead, Drale absent).

8. With a letter dated March 4, 1959, the President of the Airport Commission submitted that Commission's report that March 6th is the final date for proposals for the corner at the Airport at Crenshaw and Highway 101, and at the meeting of March 12 the Commission would know when they could send the recommendations on these to the City Council.

Mr. Egan told the Council that the President of the Commission had

asked him what the wishes of the Council would be, and asked him to find out about this for the Commission, and whether the Council would wish to hold a joint meeting with the Commission about these offers.

This was discussed at some length, and it was the consensus that the Council would like to have all the information on their Agenda for their next meeting and they would let the Airport Commission know what they wished to do later.

In answer to a question, Mr. Egan said we have received 3 firm bids on the entire development, 3 on the 150' x 150' corner for a service station, and 4 offers submitted before the request for proposals, meaning we have a total of 10 bids for consideration.

REPORTS:

1. The office of the City Clerk advised that they have on file the Inter-City Highway Committee Minutes of the meeting held February 12 1959; the Agenda for the meeting to be held March 12, 1959, and a copy of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Committee adopted at their meeting held February 12, 1959.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY:

1. The City Attorney submitted a letter dated February 26, 1959, from Hollis M. Peavey, Councilman in the City of Downey. Mr. Peavey requested that the City of Torrance adopt a Resolution urging the defeat of Assembly Bill No. 919.

Councilman Blount said he favored the defeat of this bill, but he did not think it would be proper for us to adopt such a Resolution. He pointed out it had been the Council's policy not to act in such matters. He suggested that each individual Councilman contact by letter the people referred to, and he thought that would serve.

Councilman Blount moved this letter be filed.

Motion seconded by Councilman Bradford.

This was discussed, and it was agreed that the Council had taken action in the past on such matters.

Mayor Isen felt that if this bill were passed, it would make the Board of Supervisors even more powerful. He pointed out that City governments in Los Angeles County provide the most economical service for the taxpayers' dollar.

Councilman Blount repeated that he favored the defeat of the bill, and said he would vote in favor of such a motion is one were made.

Councilman Jahn thought the Council should act on this, expressing fear that this bill, if adopted, would have a dire effect upon City government.

Motion failed by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Bradford. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Jahn, Isen. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Drale.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur, and that the proper Resolution be drawn and presented to the Council.

Motion seconded by Councilman Blount, and carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Benstead, Drale absent).

Councilman Bradford moved that even with the Resolution being adopted, the individual Councilmen prepare letters to send about this.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley, no objections, so ordered.

2. The City Attorney requested withdrawal from this Agenda of his letter dated March 6, 1959, about the acceptance of an easement deed dated February 2, 1959, from the AT&SF Railway.

There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. Resolution No. 3638, authorizing and directing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute and attest that certain agreement between the

City and the Torrance Unified School District for water service to the Columbia Elementary School was re-submitted. The Council had questioned the Resolution when first submitted because they could not see how the City would recover the cost of the water main.

Mr. McVicar, Supt. of the Water Dept., was present, and told the Council he had written them a letter about this on August 28, and it was approved by the Council on September 2. While he agreed there is no chance of the City recovering the money at this time, the El Nido District is a part of the City. It is now served by a private water company, but he felt that the time would come when the City would serve the District.

In response to questions from the Council, Mr. McVicar said he did not know the financial condition of that water company, nor did he have any information on the condition of their equipment.

Councilman Bradford moved this matter of the El Nido Water Co. be referred to the Water Commission for exploration.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley, no objections, so ordered.

Councilman Beasley moved that after the Clerk had given the number and read the title to any ordinance or resolution on tonight's agenda, the further reading thereof be waived; reserving and guaranteeing to each Councilman the right to demand the reading of any such ordinance or resolution in regular order.

Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn, and carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Benstead, Drale absent).

Councilman Jahn asked if the way this is being done is the procedure we usually follow with schools, and Mr. McVicar said it is not. Mr. McVicar pointed out that the new Adams school is being furnished with water from our Water District, and the school is paying for all of it.

Councilman Beasley moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3638, which had been numbered and the title of which had been read last week.

Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn, and carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Benstead, Drale absent).

2. City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3639

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE MODIFYING AND CONFIRMING THE WRITTEN REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER SHOWING THE COST OF WEED AND RUBBISH ABATEMENT FOR THE YEAR 1958.

Councilman Beasley moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3639.

Motion seconded by Councilman Bradford, and carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present, (Benstead, Drale absent).

3. City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3640

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE OPPOSING ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 286 RELATING TO THE OPENING OF DOMESTIC WATER SUPPLY RESERVOIRS FOR FISHING AND OTHER RECREATIONAL USES.

Councilman Beasley moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3640.

Motion seconded by Mayor Isen, and carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Bradford, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Jahn. (Benstead, Drale Absent)

4. With a cover letter dated March 5, 1959, the City Attorney submitted a new lease between Longren Aircraft and the City, together with a Resolution authorizing its adoption.

Mayor Isen asked if we have anything very different here, and the City Attorney said no.

In reply to a question from Councilman Jahn, the City Attorney said this had been rewritten two times.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Attorney.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley, no objections, so ordered.

The City Attorney asked to amend the resolution which was submitted with this, as follows: Between the 3rd and 4th paragraphs the following should be insterted "WHEREAS, said land is not required for other City purposes."

City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3641

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF AMENDMENT OF LEASE AND AGREEMENT, DATED MARCH 11, 1959, BETWEEN THE CITY AND LONGREN AIRCRAFT COMPANY, INC.

Councilman Jahn moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3641 as amended.

Motion seconded by Councilman Blount, and carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Benstead and Drale absent).

Mayor Isen, who had previously abstained from voting on matters pertaining to Longren Aircraft for the reason that his wife owns stock in that company, explained that he had checked this with the City Attorney, who had told him that less than 5% of stock in such a company would not constitute an 'interest' in the sense implied here.

ORDINANCES:

City Clerk Bartlett, upon direction from the Council, read the titles to the following Ordinances, all presented here for their second reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 1069

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS IN CHAPTER 25 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954", RELATING TO GENERAL DEFINITIONS.

ORDINANCE NO. 1070

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 25 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" RELATING TO THE DEFINITION AND REGULATION OF SURFACE WATERS.

ORDINANCE NO. 1071

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 25 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954", RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF WORDS AND TERMS TO BE INSTALLED ON OR ADJACENT TO COMMERCIAL PROPERTY.

ORDINANCE NO. 1072

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING ARTICLE IV OF CHAPTER 25 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" REGULATING THE WIDTH OF DRIVEWAY OPENINGS, THE DISTANCE BETWEEN DRIVEWAY OPENINGS AND CONSTRUCTION THEREOF, AND SUBSTITUTING A NEW ARTICLE IV RELATING TO THE SAME SUBJECT MATTER.

ORDINANCE NO. 1073

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REVISING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF ARTICLE II, CHAPTER 25 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" REGULATING THE MAKING AND REFILLING OF EXCAVATIONS, CUTS AND FILLS IN STREETS AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES AND THE CONSTRUCTION, ALTERATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF IMPROVEMENTS THEREON AND THEREIN AND PLACING SAID PROVISIONS IN ARTICLE VI OF SAID CODE.

ORDINANCE NO. 1074

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REVISING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF ARTICLE II, CHAPTER 25 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" REGULATING EXCAVATING, FILLING AND OTHER GRADING OF REAL PROPERTY AND PLACING SAID PROVISIONS IN ARTICLE VII OF SAID CODE.

ORDINANCE NO. 1075

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING ARTICLE VIII TO CHAPTER 25 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" ESTABLISHING A FEE FOR THE VACATION OF CITY-OWNED LAND.

ORDINANCE NO. 1076

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE EXEMPTING CERTAIN PROPERTY HEREIN DESCRIBED FROM THE PROVISIONS OF ORDINANCE NUMBER 716 PROHIBITING BUILDING IN THE WALTERIA LAKE PROPERTY.

ORDINANCE NO. 1077

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING ARTICLE II ENTITLED "WEEDS, RUBBISH, ETC., UPON STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND PRIVATE PROPERTY" OF CHAPTER 13 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954".

ORDINANCE NO. 1078

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ESTABLISHING CERTAIN TRAFFIC CONTROL MEASURES PURSUANT TO ARTICLE IV, SECTION 17.35 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954".

Councilman Jahn moved for adoption of Ordinances No. 1069 to 1078, inclusive, at their second and final readings.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley, and carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Benstead and Drale absent).

2. City Clerk Bartlett read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 1079

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" (ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 791), RECLASSIFYING THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. 556.

Councilman Jahn moved to approve Ordinance No. 1079 at its first reading.

Motion seconded by Councilman Blount, and carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Benstead and Drale absent).

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

1. Councilman Beasley told the Council that the Parking Meter Committee had met with the Chief of Police, the Finance Director, and Assistant City Manager Bone to consider ways of reducing the overhead on the meters. They recommended that only one Meterette work full time, and another work only half-time on the meters, and he moved to concur with that recommendation.

Motion seconded by Mayor Isen, and carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Benstead and Drale absent).

2. Councilman Beasley said the Parking Meter Committee and the Chief of Police recommended that the Traffic Commission consider the idea of issuing stickers for cars of the people who work in the downtown area.

3. Councilman Beasley said the Walteria Fire Station is a disgrace to the City, and repairs should be made, or some change considered.

Councilman Bradford suggested that a fire station for that area should be on the Airport where it would still serve the same area.

Mayor Isen said it is hoped that building can be erected with some of the Civil Defense funds which we are trying to get for alternate City government sites, and the building can be planned to serve in that way as well as a fire station.

Councilman Beasley felt this should be considered now.

It was the consensus that the Airport Commission, the Fire Chief, Police Chief, and City management be consulted on this.

4. Councilman Bradford asked if it would not be possible to have the heads of the various civic groups, such as the President of the North Torrance Civic Improvement Association, the South Torrance Homeowners Association, etc., get together and discuss their individual problems. They could then come here as a united group and discuss those problems with City management or the City Council. He felt that if the leaders did this, they would have a better idea of the priority of their problems in over-all City planning. He believed it would be much better for them and for City government if those groups worked together and perhaps formed Committees to discuss their mutual problems rather than the smaller problems of the individual neighborhoods, and he so moved.

Mayor Isen explained to Councilman Bradford that the Council could only make suggestions to those independent groups, and he directed that that as a matter of policy if those groups wish to coordinate their requests for capital improvements and formalize them to the City Manager, they could be considered and forwarded on to the Council.

Councilman Bradford said he did not wish to keep them from appearing here, but he believed this would acquaint those people with the wide variety and the scope of problems faced by this Council and would serve the City very well.

Mayor Isen said this would show in the record, and perhaps some of those leaders would spark-plug such a move.

5. Mayor Isen said he had received a complaint about the fact that the white line on Prairie is not clear enough to be seen in a fog. There are other streets in the City in the same condition. He realized that the City's paint crew is working continually to keep these things done, but hoped this could be attended to.

6. Mr. Lamour, 2066-236th, speaking as the President of the South Torrance Homeowners Association, asked the Council to hear the problem of Mrs. Givens, who lives in his area and would like to have a building permit.

Supt. of the Bldg. Dept., Lee Schlens, said Mrs. Givens had brought in her plans and they are in his Department for a plan check. The problem is that Eshelman has been planned as an 80' street for many years, and the house must maintain the proper set-back from the center of the street.

Mrs. Givens discussed this with the Council, and said she would maintain the proper set-backs.

There were no objections, and Mayor Isen directed her to discuss this with Mr. Schlens.

7. Councilman Beasley moved all bills properly audited be paid. Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn, and carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Benstead and Drale absent).

The meeting adjourned at 10:05 P. M.

A. H. Bartlett

City Clerk of the City of Torrance,
California

APPROVED:

Albert Isen
Mayor of the City of Torrance